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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2006, Applicant, without prejudice to pursue the non-elected claims in a new application, hereby elects the Group I set of claims for prosecution in the present application.

Applicant has cancelled claims 10-12, 14, 17-20, 26-28, 32-33, 36-45, 46-51, 53-54, 59 and 61-67.

Various amendments have also been made to the other original claims, and new claims 72-117 have been added.

Claims 69-71 have been amended to be dependent directly or indirectly upon new claim 72.

All claims still pending are believed are entitled to prosecuted with the Group I set of claims and provided to further and more fully define the scope of the invention which the applicant believes he is entitled to protect.

With respect to the election of species requirement, applicant hereby elects Species II (Figure 4).

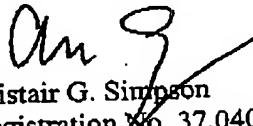
Applicant believes the following claims read on the elected Species II:
1-8; 12, 12, 15, 16, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, 35, 55, 56, 69, 70, 72-100, 102, 104-113; 115-117.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration of this application is requested.

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